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Response to Amendment

The reply filed on 7/26/04 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): It appears that the status identifier for claim 5 is incorrect according to the revised amendment practice: 37 CFR 1.121. The current status of all claims in the application, including any previously canceled, not entered or withdrawn claims, must be given in a correct parenthetical expression following the claim number *using only one of the following seven status identifiers*: (original), (*currently amended*), (canceled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented) and (not entered). It appears that the claim has been amended, but it is unclear whether the claim is actually currently amended, or if this is supposed to be the original claim. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Conclusion

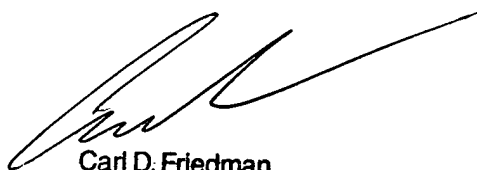
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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Carl Friedman can be reached on 703-308-0839. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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